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Dr. Thomas to assume executive position

by Annette Gregory

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. announced Sept. 1 the appointment of Dr. Sandra Thomas, Vice-President for Student Development, as executive director of the Office for Citizen Affairs for the state of North Carolina in an effort to involve citizens more directly in the state's government.

Gov. Hunt's administration places high priority on 'rekindling citizens' confidence in government and building and maintaining viable channels for both dialogue and participation between the citizens of North Carolina and their government," Dr. Thomas said.

The new Office of Citizen Affairs is directly linked to the governor's office. Asexecutive

director, Dr. Thomas will coordinate offices within the Office of Citizen Affairs and represent the governor as a liaison person between himself, the Office of Citizen Affairs and the people of North Carolina. She will travel throughout the state talking to people on the importance of expressing their voice in their government.

There are now over one million people participating in volunteer projects across the state. Gov. Hunt wants to double this number through the new office.

The Citizen Help division of the Office of Citizen Affairs will be staffed by ombudsmen with toll-free telephone numbers who will help people by referral or by answering questions and arranging needed aid themselves.

The Community Outreach division includes coordinators of programs for community watch crime prevention, volunteer reading, children, energy conservation, criminal justice and community affairs

network.

The Technical Assistance division of the office will have an Information and Communication Specialist and a Public Participation Specialist.

Meredith College has granted Dr. Thomas one year's leave of absence to head the Office of Citizen Affairs. "It will only work if the people of North Carolina make it work," she said.

Mapes offers new awareness

by Sharon Holder

Mr. James J. Mapes, actor, author, and specialist on extra sensory perception, and hypnosis will be demonstrating his powers in a total audience participation program on Thursday, September 8, at 8:00 p.m. in Jones auditorium.

In addition to entertainment, Mapes sees his program, "Power of the Mind" as an opportunity to make people aware of the limitless potential of the mind.

"Another important mission of the show is to destroy the myths about hypnosis ... I want to remove the fear and introduce hypnosis to people as a vehicle for the creation of a more rewarding life," says Mapes. Mapes heads the New York Center for Hypnosis and Mind Control, besides presenting over 200 shows and television appearances yearly.

"The Power of the Mind" is the first in a series of various events being offered

by the Concerts and Lectures committee for this year. After the apparent popularity of certain shows last year, a new admittance policy has been developed for this season. In order to guarantee seats, students and faculty with identification will be admitted with one guest or their parents from 7:00-7:30 p.m., after which the doors will be open to the public. Hopefully this new policy will enable maximum enjoyment of the events by everyone.

College must make provisions

by Nancy Newton

In recent months, legislation has been introduced into Congress by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) stating that any organization, public or private, that is the recipient of federal funds can not deny admission or the use of its facilities to any handicapped person.

As stated in the final ruling, "handicapped" includes anyone who has "a physical ... (any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the body systems) such as neurological ... respiratory ... reproductive ... skin ... or mental impairment ... (any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, or emotional or mental illness, and specific learning disabilities...) which substantially limits one or more major life activities (functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working...) or, has a record of such an impairment (has a history of or has been misclassified as having a substantially limiting mental or physical impairment), or is regarded as having an impairment (mental or physical impairment that does not substantially limit major life activities but that is treated by an organization as constituting a limitation or one that is limiting as a result of the attitudes or others toward such impairment)." In the report issued by HEW it was further explained that "handicapped" includes drug addiction and alcoholism.

Under the ruling, the college, as a recipient of federal funds, must not discriminate against handicapped persons in "recruitment, admission, and treatment after admission."

According to Mr. Joe Baker, Vice-President for Business and Finance, the administration will make the additional provisions necessary to fulfill the stated requirements.

Mr. Baker further explains that the college already has fulfilled many of the physical renovations to the campus in the form of ramps, elevators, and special restrooms, since the legislature of North Carolina passed a similar plan under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Also, the college has accepted several handicapped persons and has acknowledged the existence of the non-discriminatory policy in the college literature since the date of the act.

Mr. Baker expresses concern for more adjustments needed to provide adequate restroom and dressing room facilities. He states that, "When Meredith accepts handicapped students, faculty, and administration, we must see that they can participate." He sees the problem now as being the anticipation of the needs of handicapped persons. He feels that the college itself will undertake any additional costs for the renovation from college funds.

The college will also be expected to provide access to learning aides such as tapes, records, or readers to enable the student to fulfill class requirements. The library's visual aides, books, and microfilm collection may have to be adjusted or supplemented to serve the handicapped. The bookstore may also have to stock items such as braille textbooks or recordings of text books.

In closing, Mr. Baker expresses the belief that the college "will have to do whatever is necessary to meet the needs of such persons." -To be continued in next week's issue concerning possible academic, housing, and admission changes-



Mr. James J. Mapes

Notes from Registrar

Public Notice
Meredith College hereby designates the following categories of student information as public or "Directory Information." Such information may be disclosed by the institution for any purpose, as its discretion.

Category I - Name, address, telephone number, dates of attendance, class.

Category II - Previous institution(s) attended, major field of study, awards, honors (includes Dean's list), degree(s) conferred (including dates).

Category III - Past and present participation in officially recognized sports and activities, physical factors (height, weight of athletes), date and place of birth.

Category IV - Religious affiliation (Released to Churches only).

Currently enrolled students may withhold disclosure of any category of information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. To withhold disclosure, written notification must be received in the Office of the Registrar prior to September 16, 1977, in Johnson Hall. Forms

requesting the withholding of "Directory Information" are available in the Registrar's Office.

Meredith College assumes that failure on the part of any student to specifically request the withholding of categories of "Directory Information" indicates individual approval for disclosure.

Annual Notice

Annually, Meredith College informs students of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. This Act, with which the institution intends to comply fully, was designated to protect the privacy of education records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their education records, and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate or misleading data through informal and formal hearings. Students also have the right to file complaints with The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Office (FERPA) concerning alleged failures by the institution to comply with the Act.

Local policy explains in detail the procedures to be used by the institution for compliance with the provisions of the Act. Copies

of the policy can be found in the following offices: Admissions, Registrar, Dean of Students, and Career Placement Services.

The full policy is printed in The TWIG. The offices mentioned also maintain a Directory of Records which lists all education records maintained on students by this institution.

Questions concerning the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act may be referred to: Mrs. Marie Capel in Career Planning Services office located in Cate Center.

Grants Provided

The North Carolina General Assembly has passed legislation that provides grants for residents of North Carolina to attend private colleges and universities. The appropriation for 1977-78 will be a maximum of \$300. In order to qualify for the grant, each student must file an application and satisfy the requirements as specified in the legislation. Application forms are available in the Office of the Registrar. Deadline for filing the application is September 15th. If you have questions, please contact the Registrar, John Hiott.